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For: Human Tumor-Associated LAK-4P Related Polynucleotides and Polypeptides
and Their Uses.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in this case before the calculation of fees and before examination of the subject application.

In the Claims:

Please delete the claims of the application as filed in the PCT and substitute therefor:

38. An isolated polypeptide comprising a member selected from the group consisting of
- (a) an amino acid sequence which has at least 90% identity to SEQ ID NO:2 or 4;
 - (b) an immunogenic fragment of the amino acid sequence of (a), wherein the immunogenic fragment is at least 90% identical to an aligned contiguous segment of SEQ ID NO:2 or 4; and
 - (c) an immunogenic fragment of the amino acid sequence of (a) that matches an aligned contiguous segment of SEQ ID NO:2 or 4 with no more than five single amino acid substitutions, deletions or additions,

wherein the isolated polypeptide, when administered to a subject in a suitable composition which can include an adjuvant or a carrier coupled to the polypeptide, induces an immune response that recognizes a polypeptide having the sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 or 4.

39. The isolated polypeptide of Claim 38 wherein the amino acid sequence has at least 95% identity to SEQ ID NO:2 or 4 or the aligned contiguous segment of SEQ ID NO:2 or 4.

40. The isolated polypeptide of Claim 39 wherein the polypeptide has the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 or 4.